



# City of Seat Pleasant

*"A Smart City of Excellence"*

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### **Seat Pleasant Chief Operating Officer to receive Civic Leadership Award** *COO, Jeannelle Branson-Wallace to be recognized in 2018 Walkers Legacy Awards program*

Seat Pleasant, MD (August 10, 2018) –Walker's Legacy 2018 Women in Business and Civic Leadership Award Announced Seat Pleasant: *A Smart City of Excellence* Chief Operating Officer, Mrs. Jeannelle Branson-Wallace as a recipient of the 2018 Women in Business and Civic Leadership Awards presented by Walker's Legacy and the Walker's Legacy Foundation. Held annually in Washington, DC, the 2018 Women in Business and Civic Leadership Awards recognizes women champions of policy and programs to advance economic development, entrepreneurship ecosystems and job opportunities within their respective communities. Recipients of the award must work for a government, non-profit or chamber entity.

Jeannelle Branson-Wallace has been a public servant for five (5) local governments in Prince George's County, MD for the past 42 years serving in the capacity of Director of Youth and Family Services, City Manager, Town Manager, and Chief Operating Officer contributing to garnering over 1 million dollars in grant funding for small municipal governments from County, State, and Federal funding sources. Mrs. Wallace has served on the former Governor's Task Force on Youth and Teen Violence Prevention, and has been interviewed by WUSA Channel 9 for her efforts in this endeavor, Channel 4 for her prior economic development work and served as a panelist for the US Department of Labor Family Expo during the 1980's.

"We are proud to elevate and celebrate women who work daily to ensure economic and entrepreneurial opportunities," stated Natalie Madeira Cofield, Founder & CEO of Walker's Legacy and the Walker's Legacy Foundation. "We received hundreds of nominations from across the country and honored to recognize Jeannelle Branson-Wallace for her achievements and her embodiment of determination and civic leadership."

Recipients will be honored at the 2018 Women in Business and Civic Leadership Awards Luncheon held in Washington, DC on September 13, 2018, at the Hamilton Live. The program will include featured remarks by notable female elected officials and is held in partnership with the African American Mayors Association.

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**About City of Seat Pleasant**

Founded in 1931, the city of Seat Pleasant is a small bedroom community west of Washington, DC in Prince George's County, Maryland. Its government is balanced with a Mayor and Seven Councilmembers. Seat Pleasant: A Smart City of Excellence is committed to finding ways to deliver services effectively and efficiently and provide meaningful and innovative methods to engage our citizenry. The City of Seat Pleasant is the first Smart City in the state of Maryland offering Smart City services that are better, faster, and personalized making it a "City for Me" using information and communication technology, with the internet of things.

For more information on the City of Seat Pleasant, visit online at [www.seatpleasantmd.gov](http://www.seatpleasantmd.gov), Twitter @cityofseatpleasant or Facebook at [www.facebook.com/cityofseatpleasant](http://www.facebook.com/cityofseatpleasant).

### **About the Walker's Legacy Foundation**

Walker's Legacy Foundation exists to provide the entrepreneurial, financial and professional support needed to improve economic prosperity and reduce economic inequality for multicultural women and girls, globally.